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1. Army units from the Krakow area, as well as a thousand militiamen from other parts of Poland, have been sent as reinforcements to the Bialystok region to combat the increasing activities of the Partisans in this province.
2. Young people are taking to the woods in large numbers because of difficult living conditions, fear of reprisals, and to escape military service. Deserters from the Army and the Militia are also swelling the ranks of the Partisans.
3. The rural population is refusing to supply the quotas imposed on it, and Government representatives, descending on villages with trucks to requisition the quotas, have come into conflict with the Partisans who attack the trucks and remove their contents.
4. Militia escorting the trucks are killed and stripped of their uniforms, which the Partisans subsequently use to move more easily about the countryside, so that the population is often unable to distinguish a Partisan group from a Militia unit.
5. On 16 August 1951, Partisans interrupted rail services for 20 hours and seized seven truckloads of grain from a train which they derailed by loosening the track.
6. On the whole the local population is well-disposed towards the Partisans, whom they help actively in the matter of food supplies.

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